EXHIBIT A: PENDING CLAIMS

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- A method for treating cerebral ischemia in a mammal comprising 28. administering erythropoietin peripherally to said mammal.
- The method of Claim 28 wherein said administering is carried out in a 29. vascular fashion.
 - The method of Claim 28 wherein said vascular administration is intravenous. 30.
- The method of Claim 28, 29 or 30 wherein said erythropoietin is administered 31. for the treatment of stroke.
- The method of Claim 28, 29 or 30 wherein said erythropoietin is administered 32. at a dosage of 50,000 to 100,000 Units per administration or per day.
- The method of Claim 28, 29 or 30 wherein said erythropoietin is native 33. erythropoietin, recombinant human erythropoietin or animal erythropoietin or a derivative thereof.
 - The method of Claim 28, 29 or 30 wherein the mammal is a human. 34.